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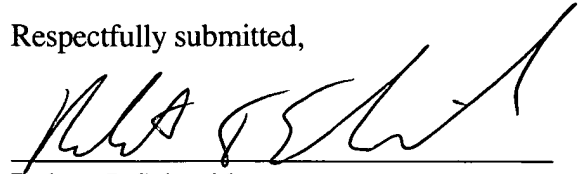
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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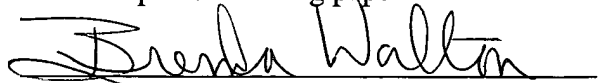
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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	04-259850	09/16/92	Japan	G01N	21/88	(Abstract)	
	07-243988	09/19/95	Japan	G01N	21/89	(Abstract)	
	2001-235429	08/31/01	Japan	G01N	21/956	(Abstract)	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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